



City Hall News

News from City Manager Deanna J. Santana

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Dear Santa Clarans,

I hope you enjoyed the Labor Day weekend safely. This past weekend, the City opened its Cooling Center at the Santa Clara Senior Center due to the Excessive Heat Warning. Follow updates for [severe weather](#) on our website. Just last week, the City Council unanimously approved a second round of COVID-19 funding for several programs to assist our residents and business who continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City secured funds from the CARES Act fund of \$1.59 million and allocated an additional \$1.5 million — totaling \$3.1 million of additional investment to support Santa Clara residents, businesses and nonprofits. Learn more details about the COVID-19 relief programs on the [Coronavirus Updates webpage](#). Santa Clara continues to respond, as we work to provide resources and essential services to all of those impacted in our community. Lastly, the Census 2020 deadline is just less than a month away. I encourage all residents to respond to the Census online at my2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020. Let's make sure #SantaClaraCounts!

Santa Clara Responds: \$3.1 million added for Second round of COVID-19 Relief Programs

On Sept. 1 the City Council approved funding for several programs to assist the community during the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic. After securing funds from the CARES Act fund of \$1.59 million and allocating an additional \$1.5 million, a total of \$3.1 million of additional investment in local relief efforts will now go back to support our residents and businesses in Santa Clara.

- [Small Business Assistance Grant Program](#) will receive \$590,000 in additional funds to support local small businesses and nonprofits in Santa Clara for a total of nearly \$1.7 million.
- [Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) funding was increased by \$1.5 million for program total of \$2.8 Million to allow for a second round of assistance providing three consecutive months of rent for eligible households based on income levels.
- Food Distribution Programs for youth and seniors will continue as the City works with Santa Clara Unified and community partners to ensure access to food. Our Senior Nutrition Program continues in Santa Clara.
- No [Garbage Rate](#) increase for six months for residents.
- To help protect our local restaurants from excessive fees charged by some third-party food delivery apps, the Council approved an emergency ordinance to limit delivery fees charged. View the [news release](#).

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CoronavirusUpdates for more details.

September is Community Preparedness Month

Does your family have a household communication plan? Make an emergency plan today & practice it! During a local emergency, receive alerts to your mobile, landline or email for fire, earthquake, severe weather, crime activity, & instructions during a disaster. Alert SCC is the Santa Clara County's emergency alert and warning system. Sign up today for free at alertSCC.org. For emergency preparedness tips, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/emergencypreparedness.



COVID-19 UPDATES - Local developments & status updates for events, programs & City services, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CoronavirusUpdates

No Garbage Increase for Six Months for Residents

Due to continued impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Santa Clara City Council approved even more garbage rate assistance for residents.

- The previously approved \$3/month rate reduction for residential customers from August 2020 thru January 2021 has been increased to make up for the planned garbage rate increase that went into effect on Aug. 1, 2020.
- Commercial and industrial customers will continue to receive the \$3/month discount from August 2020 through January 2021.
- Thanks to the additional rate reduction, residential customers will pay their original garbage rate (NO INCREASE) from August 2020 through January 2021

Residential customers will find rate reduction credits on a future bill for August and September payments that were already paid (limited exceptions may apply).

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/GarbageRates for more details. Additional discounts due to financial hardship, for qualifications and to apply, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Assist.

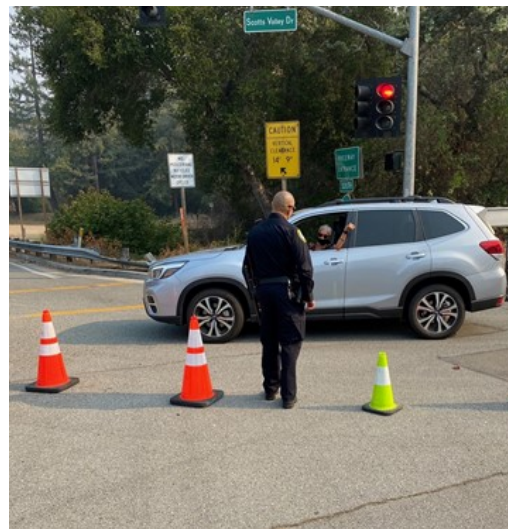


Free COVID-19 Testing in Santa Clara on Sept. 23 & Sept. 30

In partnership with the County of Santa Clara Department of Public Health, the City of Santa Clara will host additional appointment-only COVID-19 testing at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road, on Sept. 23 and Sept. 30. The testing site is for people without COVID-19 symptoms. Registration opens starting typically three days prior to the date. For appointments and details, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CoronavirusUpdates. View the [video message](#) about the free testing.

SCPD Responds to Mutual Aid Request

The CZU Lightning Complex wildfire started on Aug. 16, 2020 as a result of lightning. Members of the Santa Clara Police Department have been assisting the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office in response to mutual-aid needs associated with the fire. Our officers have been utilized for evacuation escorts, roadblocks and the prevention of looting. At the time of this report, approximately 74,000 residents are evacuated including many Police Department employees who live in the evacuation zone.



For More Information

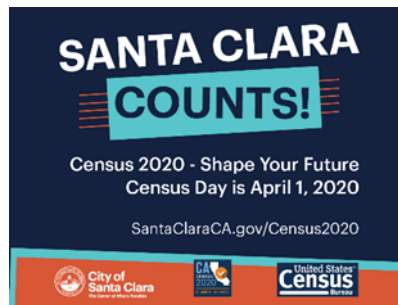
View the City Manager Biweekly Report for more details at SantaClaraCA.gov/CMReport

Temporary Closure of Reversible Lane Configuration on Lafayette Street

Beginning Monday, Sept. 14 through Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, the reversible lane on Lafayette Street, between Homestead Road and Lewis Street, will be temporarily closed due to roadway rehabilitation work on Lafayette Street. The roadway improvements are being constructed as part of the City's annual pavement rehabilitation project. Temporary traffic control will be in place to reconfigure lanes as necessary throughout the day and the reversible center lane will not be operational. Residents may encounter delays along Lafayette Street and are encouraged to use alternate routes while construction is taking place. Once the work is complete the reversible lanes will be put back into operation. The schedule is the best estimate at this time; dates may be subject to change if any unforeseen issues are encountered during the work. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/PavementMaintenance.

Santa Clara Passes 2010 Census Response Rate

As of Sept. 1, Santa Clara had a 74.5% response rate for the 2020 Census, meaning almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of our community has been counted in the census! This surpasses Santa Clara's 2010 response rate, which was 71.8%, as well as California's response rate, which is 67.2%. There's still time left to respond, and it's never been easier or safer. Respond online at my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to respond by phone or send a physical form through the mail. If your household has not yet responded to the 2020 Census, you may be visited by a census worker. To learn more about how to recognize a census employee and why the census is so important, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Census2020.



Electric Vehicle Wrap Design Selected

Silicon Valley Power is wrapping its electric vehicle fleet with an exciting new design to increase awareness around electric vehicles. Six design options were provided, and voting was open to the community. A total of 215 votes were received and a lot of positive feedback was provided by community members. Funding for this project comes from the Low Carbon Fuel Standard Credits program to promote and raise awareness about electric vehicles. Watch for the new vehicle design driving around in the near future!



Finance Launches New Webpage

Last June, the Purchasing Division soft-launched its new [website](#) with user-friendly navigation tiles and new content. The website serves as a one-stop public facing portal for all purchasing-related content including links to current and past bid opportunities, surplus property sales, and the City's Purchasing (City) Code. New content includes a vendor guide explaining how to do business with the City, Process Integrity Guidelines establishing communication protocols before, during, and after a competitive bid process, a Procurement Ethics Policy, and a Climate Friendly Purchasing Policy.



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MOBILE APP

Did you know you can report littering and park concerns with MySantaClara app from your mobile? If you notice areas that need service, snap a photo and send it to us! Download the app or submit a request online at SantaClaraCA.gov/mysantaclara



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Visit the [Tentative Meeting Agenda Calendar](#) for dates of upcoming City Council meetings, Study Sessions, Joint Council/ Stadium Authority, Commission meetings.



Chalk Art Contest Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Santa Clara Chalk Art Contest. The contest received 47 entries and over 1600 votes. We appreciate the community taking the time to vote for their favorites. Here are the top two winners from the four age categories, however, every one of our entries is a winner to us and all artists will be awarded a little gift of gratitude from the City. To view the winners, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/VirtualParksandRec.



Category A - Winners



Category B - Winners



Category C - Winners



Category D - Winners



Online Recreation Classes Available

Take one of your favorite dance, fitness, music, or theatre classes from the safety of your home through the expanded online recreation class offerings. Registration is open and classes will begin the week of Sept. 14, 2020. For a full listing of classes and registration information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses, email PRCustomerServe@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3140.

Virtual Programming at the Santa Clara City Library

The Library is hosting virtual programming from storytimes, read-alongs and sing alongs, author talks, STEM, crafts and cooking programs and much more! There is something for everyone in your family. View the highlights of our virtual programming in this [video](#). For more information, visit SCLibrary.org.

San Francisco 49ers to Begin Season Without Fans in Attendance

In accordance with State and County public health guidelines, the San Francisco 49ers will begin their season on Sept. 13 against the Arizona Cardinals without fans in attendance due to continued concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. The team continues to work with State and County officials regarding future potential options to welcome fans back to Levi's Stadium later this season.

Despite this announcement, the stadium's secure footprint includes Tasman Drive and the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail. As a result, these spaces will be closed as a result of the game. Further details will be provided in the Police Department's Traffic Advisory, released approximately 72 hours prior to each event. To subscribe to receive traffic advisories, log onto [eNotify](#) or [Nixle](#).



2020 Santa Clara
Parade of Champions

Virtual Parade Oct 10th

and City wide contest
Honoring America's Heroes

To participate go to
www.scpardeofchampions.org



SAVE THE DATE

Greater Giving

November 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us as Mission City Community Fund holds its first online auction/fundraiser enabling us to continue to serve the Silicon Valley in the areas of health and social services, education, environment, and theater/arts. All donations/funds go directly to assisting those in need in our community.

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Local Focus

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Downtown Precise Plan/Downtown Community Task Force Meeting

The DTCF will meet virtually on **Thursday, Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m.** At this meeting, the DCTF will review their draft meeting schedule and the Precise Plan schedule moving forward. They will also discuss their research and ideas for Downtown. To join the Zoom webinar, register in advance [online](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For more information, visit the Downtown Precise Plan [website](#).

El Camino Real Community Advisory Committee Meeting

The El Camino Real Community Advisory Committee (ECR CAC) meeting will be held via Zoom (see details for joining below) on **Thursday, Sept. 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to review the draft Specific Plan with the CAC and receive any final input before presenting the draft Plan to the Planning Commission and City Council. To join the Zoom webinar please register in advance [online](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Free Disposal Day

A free disposal day for Santa Clara residents will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 20, 6 a.m. – 12 p.m.** at the Mission Trail Waste Systems (MTWS) transfer station. This is a great opportunity to dispose of appliances and e-waste items, as well as mattresses, furniture and other bulky items.

- Appointments are required, and availability is limited.
- Hazardous waste (e.g. paints, fluorescent bulbs, chemical cleaners and pesticides, etc.), automotive parts, pressure treated wood and putrescible waste are prohibited.
- Call MTWS at 408-727-5365 between Sept. 7 – Sept. 18 to make an appointment and for details on location, load size limits and accepted materials.
- Note: Residents are responsible for unloading their vehicles. Face coverings and physical distancing are required for residents dropping off material. Residents may be turned away if they arrive without a face covering.

CANCELED - Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event on Sept. 12

Residents can still safely dispose of household hazardous waste at the County of Santa Clara's permanent drop-off location in San Jose. Please note: face coverings will be worn by all staff and will be required for all residents dropping off waste. Accepted hazardous items that can be disposed of include; fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent light bulbs, paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane and helium tanks, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, sharps containers, prescription medications, electronic waste (e-waste), and other types of household hazardous wastes. Call the County Household Hazardous Program at 408-299-7300 to schedule a free drop-off appointment and to receive the site address. For more information, visit HHW.org.

New Electric Forklift Rebate Available

Beginning Sept. 1, Santa Clara businesses interested in switching from gas to electric forklifts can now receive a rebate of \$2,000 for each electric forklift purchased, up to a maximum of three forklifts per business account. This program is the latest in Silicon Valley Power's program offerings to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to the City's Climate Action Plan Goals. For complete program details, visit siliconvalleypower.com/businessrebates.

